

## DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN LABOR CIRCLES

### Matters of Interest to Organized District Workmen.

#### MEETINGS FOR THIS WEEK.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.  
I. O. O. F., 1230, Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners—K. of P. Hall, 122 Twelfth street northwest.

T. A. 278, K. of L., Carpenters—Typographical Temple.

Carriage Makers' Assembly—Bunch's Hall.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

I. O. O. F., 1230, Carpenters and Joiners—Typographical Temple.

Electrical Workers, No. 36—Electrical Workers' Hall, 1014 North street northwest.

Thursday, December 27.

District Assembly Knights of Labor—Hastings Hall.

Firemen and Gas Fitters' Union—Elliott's Hall, Sixth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Firemen's Union, No. 2—Columbia street.

Firemen's Union, No. 3—McDonnell's Hall, Pennsylvania avenue.

Friday, December 28.

I. O. O. F., 1230, K. of L., Palatines—Hastings Hall, Seventh and K streets.

Carpenters' Council—Typographical Temple.

Associates of the Starched and Engineered—Bunch's Hall, No. 311 1/2 street.

Bricklayers' Union, No. 1—Bricklayers' Hall, Seventh and K streets.

Bricklayers' Association—Red Men's Hall.

Bakers and Confectioners' Union, No. 123—Hall, No. 717 Pennsylvania street northwest.

Saturday, December 29.

Carpenters' Union, No. 126—Hall, 717 Seventh street northwest.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The representatives of labor unions were out in full force at the regular meeting of the Federation of Labor last Tuesday night. No meeting having been held the previous week, the business was considerable, and the delegates till a late hour of the night.

In the absence of the president the first vice president, George O. Cook, called the meeting to order and presided over the deliberations.

Roll-call of delegates showed that twenty-eight organizations were represented. The first business of the evening was the acceptance of the credentials from the Monumental Bakers' Assembly. The credentials committee having reported favorably, the delegates were admitted and seated.

Special committee to wait on Mr. Joseph Williams with reference to the employment of union men at the Post building reported that Mr. Williams had refused the committee's very pleasant and had assured them that the wages of the Federation would be complied with. He always was in favor of union men, and the committee was glad to hear of it.

The committee on the violations of the eight-hour law reported that they had fully investigated the charges that the contractor of street sweeping was violating the law. The committee had found that the men employed on the streets were working ten hours a day, and the sweeping of the streets had been given to the present contractor, to take effect on July 1, 1894, and that the contract for five years had been given to the contractor, who had just one month previous to the expiration of the eight-hour law, exchanged the contractor in his provisions.

The committee on the eight-hour law violation reported that it had investigated the charges that the bricklayers had been violated in the Union building on work being done for the government Printing Office. They had found that the bricklayers had worked nine hours per day during the week and all day Sunday, but that on the day of the work, the Public Printer had decided that it was a case of emergency and that was the reason that the men had worked overtime.

The question with some of the delegates was whether this could be construed as a case of emergency when the difficulty could have been overcome by putting on extra men.

The district decided, however, that as the Public Printer could claim that the work was done to relieve the pressure of the "old man" on the street by fitting up temporary quarters in the Union building, it would not be a good case to test the law.

The committee further reported that it had waited on Commissioner Powell with reference to the alleged violation of the eight-hour law. Under the report of the delegates from the plasterers reported that the drivers at the Boston bakery had been paid the sum of \$1.50 a week, but that the men did not get the \$1.50 a week, and the matter was referred to the executive committee.

The district organizer stated that he had done and was doing towards organizing the street railroad employees of this city. The prospects were that arrangements would soon be made for a perfect organization of the street railroad men.

The master workman stated that the only perfect and largest organization of surface railroad men in the United States, was under the jurisdiction of the Knights of Labor.

The report that President Danton of the Washington and Georgetown Company had issued orders that any employee of the company contracting with any labor organization would be discharged, was discussed.

It was announced that the Hon. John Burns would be here on the 29th of this month and would speak under the auspices of the Washington and Georgetown Company. The assembly will wait on the Secretary of War and request that he interfere in the matter. They also requested that the Fourth Army Corps be sent to the District of Columbia and be organized labor.

Carpenters' Union, No. 1, requested that the contract committee investigate the case of the work that had been done for the "old man" at the Union Building, where it is claimed that the government was charged up with full rate of wages and that the men received less than that paid by the government. Request granted.

At the request of the Bricklayers' Union the committee was instructed to call on the sub-committee on appropriations for the district and urge that the recommendations of the Bricklayers' Union be accepted.

The action of the Washington Brewing Company in allowing the work on their premises to be done by non-union men, after making such fair promises to the Federation of Labor, was severely denounced by strong resolutions.

The members of the Electric Workers' Union are jubilant over the fact that all of the best electric work in this city is being done by union men. The electric plant just completed for the Cairo Hotel, which is considered one of the finest and most complete in the country, was constructed by members of the union.

The electric work just completed on the residence of Dr. William T. Luckett, 1419 Rhode Island avenue, is complete in every particular and is of a very high grade. The work was done by the day and by union men, under the supervision of Brother John M. Berger, the president of the union. The work on the residence of Dr. Luckett is a masterpiece of electric work.

At the last meeting several additional lights were added, by initiation, to the grand circuit. The members of the union were very much pleased with the progress of the work.

The Plasterers' Assembly met last Monday evening in regular session, and after transacting business adjourned over the following day, January 2. During the evening the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing term: Master workman, M. W. Ward, re-elected; worthy foreman, C. Thompson;

re-elected; financial secretary, James D. Avery, re-elected; treasurer, William H. Stickle, re-elected; executive board, E. B. Morgan, chairman; Dennis Mahoney, W. H. Stickle, chairman; and John A. Clements.

The Executive Board reported that the executive committee reported that the engineer at the Potomac Falls was a non-union man. This case was referred to the Federation and District Assembly for adjustment.

The banquet committee reported that all details connected with the "feast" had been arranged; also that Mr. Freund, who cannot be surpassed as a caterer, has promised that the menu for the occasion would excel anything ever before attempted.

Among the invited guests are the names of Hon. John Burns, Hon. C. G. Conn, General Secretary-Treasurer of the I. O. O. F., John W. Hayes, Mr. Paul T. Boyer, and Mrs. Jennie L. Monroe. The banquet will be preceded with a literary and musical entertainment of a high character, interspersed with short addresses suitable for the occasion.

The members of the Carpenters' Assembly decided at their last meeting that press of important business would not admit of adjournment over the holidays. The regular Christmas eve, in addition to other business the nomination of officers will take place, the election being held on New Year's eve.

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